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SUBJECT: DESIGNATION OF A SECRETARY GENERAL

1. AT THE DECEMBER 3 MEETING OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO DESIGNATE A SECRETARY GENERAL, YOUR OBJECTIVE SHOULD BE TO TAKE THOSE STEPS NECESSARY TO ASSURE THE RE-DESIGNATION OF SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM.

2. THERE ARE SEVERAL ASPECTS OF THE PROCEDURES EMPLOYED BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL IN THE DESIGNATION PROCESS WHICH HAVE TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN ACHIEVING THIS OBJECTIVE:

-- BALLOTING IS SECRET. THUS, THERE SHOULD BE NO PUBLIC INDICATION OF HOW THE UNITED STATES VOTED WITH RESPECT TO ANY CANDIDATE. IF ANY GOVERNMENT OR CANDIDATE ASKS HOW WE VOTED, WE WOULD RESPOND THAT THE BALLOT IS SECRET.

-- EACH SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBER VOTES ON EACH NAME LISTED. THUS, IT IS IMPORTANT TO ASSURE THAT WALDHEIM RECEIVES SECRET

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THE LARGEST NUMBER OF AFFIRMATIVE VOTES.

3. TO ASSURE A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME, WE SUGGEST THAT YOU FIRST CONSULT WITH THE UK TO COORDINATE STRATEGY. YOU MIGHT REVIEW WITH THE UK (AND SUBSEQUENTLY WITH OTHERS)

THE KEY ELEMENTS OF PROCEDURE, ALONG THE LINES OF PARA 2 ABOVE, AND SUGGEST THAT IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL WE EACH VOTE IN FAVOR OF WALDHEIM, BUT ABSTAIN ON OTHER CANDIDATES. YOU COULD ADD THAT WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE ANY DIFFICULTIES IN ELECTING WALDHEIM, BUT IT WOULD BE PRUDENT TO COOPERATE IN ASSURING THAT GOAL. IN ADDITION, YOU SHOULD GIVE AND SECURE ASSURANCES THAT INFORMATION ABOUT VOTING POSITIONS WOULD NOT BE REVEALED TO OTHER DELEGATIONS, LET ALONE THE PUBLIC.

4. PROVIDING THE UK AGREES TO THIS APPROACH, YOU SHOULD SUGGEST THAT WE EACH DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH FRANCE, ITALY, JAPAN AND SWEDEN, SUGGESTING THAT THEY ALSO ABSTAIN ON OTHER CANDIDATES WHILE VOTING IN FAVOR OF WALDHEIM.

5. ASSUMING UK, FRANCE, ITALY, SWEDEN AND JAPAN AGREE TO ABSTAIN, PROBLEM WILL REMAIN OF GAINING SEVENTH ABSTENTION TO ASSURE THAT ECHEVERRIA CANNOT RECEIVE NINE AFFIRMATIVE VOTES. IF YOU ARE NOT CONFIDENT THAT A SEVENTH ABSTENTION WILL BE FORTHCOMING, YOU SHOULD CONSULT WITH THE SOVIETS AND PROPOSE THAT THEY ALSO ABSTAIN ON ALL CANDIDATES OTHER THAN WALDHEIM.

6. IN THE COURSE OF THE COUNCIL MEETING, SHOULD IT BECOME CLEAR THAT WALDHEIM'S CANDIDACY IS IN TROUBLE BECAUSE OF A VETO BY CHINA OR FOR OTHER REASONS, YOU SHOULD ASK FOR A DELAY IN THE COUNCIL'S PROCEEDINGS TO SEEK FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.

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